ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

Tobacco—Higher Prices for a Smaller Crop - Acreage cutbacks and drought may cut the 1977 tobacco crop back to 1.84 billion pounds, 14 percent below last year's crop and the smallest one since 1973, according to a summary of the Tobacco Situation, issued September 14 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Farmers planted 9 percent less acres to tobacco due to lowered quotas, and overall yields this year may be off 7 percent from last year, mainly because drought reduced yields in the flue-cured areas.

The flue-cured crop may total 1.04 billion pounds, 21 percent less than last year. In recent weeks, flue-cured prices have moved to record levels; however, cash receipts to farmers will slip due to the smaller crop. Also, reduced yields and increased input costs are expected to jump production costs 11 to 12 cents per pound above 1976.

Burley tobacco production may total 839 million pounds, 6 percent less than last year, due to a cut in acreage and drought.

Larger carryovers will likely offset the declines in production, and supplies should be adequate at 5.3 billion pounds - close to last year's supply.

Total domestic use and exports of U.S. tobacco during 1977-78 may be little changed from the 1.9 billion pounds of the previous marketing year. Higher prices for U.S. tobacco will limit exports, and the United States will do well to maintain exports at the 50 to 600 million pound level of the past three years.

U. S. cigarette output for 1977-78 may exceed the 672 billion pounds produced in 1976-77. Although total cigarette consumption in the United States may rise 1 percent, the smoking controversy and price increases may lower the per person (18 and older) rate 1 percent from last year's 205 packs.

Carryover Tobacco Program Available to Growers Again this Year - Flue-cured growers throughout the flue-cured tobacco area can deliver their carryover tobacco on hand at the end of the marketing season to Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation for processing and storage until the 1978 marketing season.

The USDA Tobacco Loan Program was amended in 1973 to provide loans on flue-cured tobacco carried over by growers from one marketing year to another to avoid marketing in excess of the applicable farm quota. This will help alleviate many of the problems encountered with carryover tobacco stored on the farm such as insect damage and deterioration in quality.

The program will operate basically in the same manner as in previous years. Growers will deliver carryover tobacco to the CO-OP at designated Receiving Points in the area at which time the tobacco will be weighed and graded into a Standard USDA Grade by an Inspector of the Grading Service. Sheets will also be exchanged at this time. A record will be prepared showing full identification of the grower, weight of each sheet, the USDA grade, and total weight of delivery. A copy of this record will be given to the grower and a copy forwarded to the State ASCS office. The tobacco will then be processed and stored in the same manner as regular tobacco, with the exception that all carryover tobacco will be kept separate and marked as "Carryover" tobacco. Since carryover tobacco is not eligible for sale or loan until the next marketing season which begins on July 1 each year, no payment or settlement can be made to growers until after July 1, 1978. At that time the tobacco will be offered for sale. Any tobacco that does not bring an acceptable price will be placed in the regular loan inventory at 1978 loan rates. Proceeds from the sales and/or loans advanced, less expenses incurred during the carryover period, will be distributed to growers after July 1, 1978.

Plans for location of receiving points where growers may deliver their carryover tobacco will be determined and growers will be notified as to scheduling deliveries at such designated receiving points at the close of the marketing season in each belt.

Emergency Feed Program (EFP) - The EFP program has been extended from Dec. 1, 1977 to May 1, 1978. If, because of the drought this past summer, you will not have enough feed to last until May 1, 1978, you may be interested in the program.

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The feature Book this week is Washington The Open City - Text by Guy Fridell and Photographs by Wolfgang Roth.

The beautiful book was presented to the library by the Woman's Club of Appomattox in Memory of Mrs. Mary Featherston Terry. It seems a very appropriate selection to commemorate one who spent her life working in the county clerk's office and whose pleasant smile and helpful manner was enjoyed by all with whom she came in contact.

The Burda Company's color photo processes are excellent and the pictures in this book are the final choice of over 12,000 pictures. As one sees so many familiar scenes and some never before seen of our Capitol it brings to mind many images not pictured in the book but treasured by us Americans and maybe that is the particular charm of this work. We see what is not there too! And it reminds us of ideals that are important to us and depicts what democracy is all about.

The text is easily read and written with a light and at times humorous touch. There are interviews with many outstanding people in Washington among whom are Katherine Graham, publisher of the Washington Post, Roger Mudd well known TV commentator, Mayor Walter Washington, and Dean Sayre of the Washington Cathedral.

The book includes scenes of surrounding areas of Georgetown, Alexandria, and Reston and has delightful pictures of the Baby Panda at the National Zoo and the Falls of the Potomac River.

Fridell, Roth, and Burda is the same team who produced (The Virginia Way" (also available in our Library) and they are to be congratulated on bringing out still another beautiful book. They are Germans and they have the knack of showing us what is great about our own heritage.

This armchair tour of Washington refreshes and makes one grateful for this fine gift to our Library.

PAMPLIN

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Hubert Price.

Mr. David Covington will undergo heart surgery at McGuire Hospital Richmond this week.

Mr. Earl Wood returned to his home in Colonial Heights last Saturday from MCV.

Mr. and Mrs. David Covington are the proud grandparents of another grandson David Lee born last week in Virginia Baptist Hospital. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Prospect.

A large crowd attended the family reunion of the late Danny Williams Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meadows.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Prokspis and daughter of Richmond and Mrs. Anna Burmeister of Baltimore were guest Saturday of Mrs. Lizzie Robinson.

Mrs. Ritzie Southall, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Billy Southall of Richmond and Mrs. Lizzie Robinson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hubbard of Saxe.

NEW EXTENSION HOMEMAKER OFFICERS

Appomattox County Extension Homemaker officers for 1977 are (from l. to r.) Mrs. T. DeWitt Evans, Chairman; Mrs. Tilton Lee, Secretary; Mrs. John Marshall, Treasurer; Mrs. Fammie Farrar, Federation Goal Leaders; Mrs. Russell Martin, Reporter; and Mrs. W. Twyman Coleman, outgoing Chairman. Not present when the picture was taken was Mrs. Manley Ferguson, Vice-Chairman.

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